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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney uses a Saturday rally at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, to push his domestic energy plans, including coal.

Romney pushes domestic energy agenda at Ohio stop

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PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — As he campaigned Saturday near the convergence of three coal-producing states, Mitt Romney pressed his domestic energy plan, saying the nation needs to increase production for its security and its economy.

“We’re going to take full advantage of our oil, our coal, our natural gas, our nuclear, our renewable,” he told about 3,500 supporters gathered in the college green at Shawnee State University. “This president when he was running for office said that if you want to build a new coal plant you can, but if you do, you’ll go bankrupt. That tells you something about his philosophy. Mine is this: We have a lot of coal, we’re going to use it. We’re going to keep those jobs, we’re going to keep America energy secure.”

Romney has been spending considerable time in Ohio in recent days and is wrapping up a two-day bus tour Saturday. A day earlier, President Barack Obama’s re-election campaign urged the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold lower court decisions allowing in-person early voting in Ohio in the three days before the Nov. 6 election.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue its



President Barack Obama on Saturday heads to Williamsburg, Va., where he’ll prep for Tuesday night’s debate.



ruling soon, with the election just more than three weeks away

President Barack Obama sought to sustain momentum Saturday from Vice President Joe Biden’s strong debate showing by touting the benefits of one of his signature actions, the rescue of the U.S. auto industry, as he prepared for his next debate with Republican Mitt Romney.

“We refused to let Detroit go bankrupt,” Obama said in his weekly radio address. “We bet on American workers and American ingenuity, and three years later, that bet is paying off in a big way.”

The president will drop from view for several days to prepare for his second debate with Romney on Tuesday. By focusing on the health of the auto industry, currently benefiting from strong sales, Obama is reminding voters he came to the industry’s rescue. Romney opposed government help for automakers.

Clint Eastwood may be on the side of Mitt Romney, but President Barack Obama has Bruce Springsteen.

The rock star will perform at campaign rallies for the president in the battleground states of Ohio and Iowa on Thursday, the Obama campaign said.

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Meningitis death toll rises to 15 as lawmakers widen probe

Panel investigates how well regulators monitored drug firm

Reuters

Another person has died from fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, bringing the death toll in the outbreak to 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday.

The latest victim was in Indiana, which now has reported two deaths from the rare form of meningitis.

The number of people stricken with meningitis in the outbreak reached 197 Saturday.

In addition, there is one case of an infection after an injection in an ankle that has not been confirmed as meningitis, the CDC said.

Illinois reported its first case of meningitis since the wave of infections began.

A day earlier, lawmakers had widened their investigation into the outbreak to include the role state regulators played in monitoring the pharmacy that produced the steroid treatments blamed in the deaths.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee called on the Massachusetts pharmacy board to tell congressional staff what it knew about the New England Compounding Center before the recall of more than 17,000 vials of injectable steroid treatments for back and joint pain from health facilities in 23 states.

The House panel, which oversees health issues including drug safety, said the Food and Drug Administration was aware of production problems at the Framingham, Mass.-based firm in 2006, including potential public health risks involving a different sterile injectable drug.

The House committee asked the Massachusetts

regulator to agree to a briefing no later than Friday and requested all inspection reports, records and communications related to New England Compounding Center and its sister pharmacy, Ameridose LLC, which has the same owners.

“The committee is investigating whether any remedial measures were taken after this inspection and why the NECC was able to continue operating in this manner more than six years after the fact,” Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the committee chairman, said in a letter co-written by six other panel members.

The House committee noted a 2006 FDA letter that said NECC’s actions were not consistent with traditional compounding practices and likened the operation to a drug manu-

suspended the company’s license in the state, which is among the hardest hit in the outbreak.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette’s office alleged that the specialist pharmacy was acting as a drug manufacturer — distributing large amounts of medication to hospitals and clinics — while licensed in the state only to fill individual prescriptions for patients.

Lawmakers and organizations including the advocacy group Public Citizen have raised questions about whether the FDA and Massachusetts regulators had the knowledge and authority to act against New England Compounding before the outbreak occurred.

The regulatory issue involves a little-known segment of the pharmacy industry called drug-compounding, in which pharmacists alter or recombine ingredients from FDA-approved drugs to meet the special needs of doctors and their patients.

Pharmacies like

NECC are allowed to compound drugs for specific prescriptions, mainly under the supervision of state pharmacy boards rather than the more stringent safety and efficacy standards that the FDA imposes.

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord.

Symptoms include headache, fever and nausea, and it must be treated quickly to improve chances of survival.

Fungal meningitis is a rare form and is not contagious.

The compounding company has recalled the suspect product, surrendered its operating license and has said it is cooperating with the investigations.

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The Massachusetts agency did not comment directly on the committee’s request for information, but the state health department said it had taken swift action in response to the meningitis outbreak.

The specialist pharmacy appears to have violated the licensing regulation that restricted its production to the receipt of “individual patient-specific prescriptions,” the department said in a statement. “We are jointly examining all root causes of these events with the FDA.”

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee said it would seek information this week. Late Friday, Michigan

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